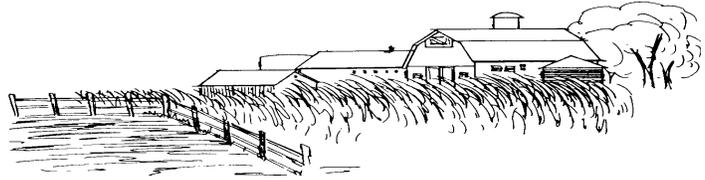




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Farms and Land in Farms in 2003

UTAH: The number of farms in Utah in 2003 is estimated at 15,300, the same as 2002. Land in farms, estimated at 11.6 million acres, was unchanged from the previous year, and the average size of farm, at 758 acres, remained the same as 2002.

UNITED STATES: The number of farms in the United States in 2003 is estimated at 2.13 million, 0.4 percent less than in 2002. The decline in farms occurred in all sales categories except the \$250,000-\$499,999 class which remained unchanged. Total land in farms, at 938.8 million acres, decreased 1,550,000 acres from 2002. The average size farm during 2003 was 441 acres, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms continues to reflect consolidation in farming operations and competition for agricultural land for other uses.